



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2004 -3

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs was originally established by executive order to monitor state compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to advise the governor on the needs of individuals with disabilities and/or on other relative concerns;

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has unique needs regarding disabilities which require continued education among its citizens concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act;

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and its political subdivisions have an affirmative duty not to discriminate against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the state of Louisiana to continue the centralized and coordinated effort of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by serving the Louisiana citizens with disabilities through the continuance of the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs;

NOW THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs (hereafter "Council") is reestablished and recreated within the executive department, Office of the Governor, Office of Disability Affairs.

SECTION 2: The duties of the Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Advising the governor, through the Office of Disability Affairs, on issues of concern to the Louisiana citizens with disabilities;
- B. Identifying the needs, issues, and solutions relative to persons with disabilities;
- C. Assisting the Office of Disability Affairs, when requested, in the resolution of state disabilities issues; and
- D. Providing education, communication, and networking services concerning disability issues and needs for all Louisiana citizens.

SECTION 3: On or before January 5, the Council shall submit to the governor annual reports regarding the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 4: The Council shall be composed of a maximum of thirty-six (36) members who, unless otherwise specified, shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. The Council members shall be selected as follows:

- A. The governor, or the governor's designee;

- B. The lieutenant governor, or the lieutenant governor's designee;
- C. The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;
- D. The secretary of state, or the secretary's designee;
- E. The state treasurer, or the state treasurer's designee;
- F. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee;
- G. The secretary of the Department of Labor, or the secretary's designee;
- H. The secretary of the Department of Social Services, or the secretary's designee;
- I. The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or the secretary's designee;
- J. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or the secretary's designee;
- K. The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or the commissioner's designee;
- L. The commissioner of the Department of Insurance, or the commissioner's designee;
- M. One (1) member of the Louisiana State Senate, designated by the president of the Louisiana Senate;
- N. One (1) member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, designated by the speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives;
- O. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or the superintendent's designee;
- P. The state fire marshal, or the state fire marshal's designee;
- Q. The director of the Office of Elderly Affairs, or the director's designee;
- R. The director of the Office of Facility Planning and Control, or the director's designee;
- S. The chair of the Developmental Disabilities Council, or the chair's designee;
- T. The chair of the Advocacy Center, or the chair's designee;
- U. The chair of the Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network, or the chair's designee;
- V. The chair of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council, or the chair's designee;
- W. The chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council, or the chair's designee;
- X. The chair of the Mental Health Planning Council, or the chair's designee;

- Y. The executive director of The Arc of Louisiana, or the executive director’s designee;
- Z. One (1) representative of disability services from an institution of higher education; and
- AA. Ten (10) at-large members who have disabilities or have family members with disabilities.

SECTION 5: The chair of the Council shall be appointed by the governor from the membership of the Council. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by and from the membership of the Council.

SECTION 6: The Council shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

- SECTION 7:**
- A. Council members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council.
 - B. Council members who are an employee or an elected public official of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.
 - C. Council members who are also a member of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

SECTION 8: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Council shall be provided by the Office of Disability Affairs, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 9: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Council in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of March, 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

SECRETARY OF STATE